

Project requests from Rep. Wilson:

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ACVNAHHS Telehealth Technology Project for Appalachian Ohio

**Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice & Health Services, Inc.
(ACVNAHHS)**

30 Harrold Avenue

Athens, OH 45701

\$311,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because state of the art telehealth devices will be used to monitor patients with complex diagnoses including congestive heart failure, cardiopulmonary disease, and diabetes. Nearly 75% of ACVNAHHS' population is elderly and many of them are low-income and live in rural areas – a population that is particularly at risk for re-hospitalization.

Telemedicine has been shown to improve patient outcomes, decrease emergent care and re-hospitalization, reduce health care costs and increase access to preventive care.

Appalachian Education Improvement Project, Ohio

Battelle for Kids

1160 Dublin Road, Suite 500

Columbus, OH 43215

\$325,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because Appalachian Ohio has struggled to produce students adequately prepared for college and the global marketplace.

To address this disparity, Battelle for Kids would expand its current collaboration with the Ohio Appalachian Educators Institute (OAEI) to deliver a comprehensive teacher and administrator leadership development program which would help improve student outcomes in additional school districts.

Behavioral Health Services for the Uninsured of Jefferson County

Jefferson Behavioral Health System

3200 Johnson Road

Steubenville, OH 43952

\$150,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because it will allow Jefferson Behavioral Health System to partner with the Jefferson County Fourth Street Health Clinic. Together they will provide services to the locally uninsured whose various mental health and substance abuse diagnoses are beyond the Fourth Street Health Clinic's scope of practice.

State funding for this facility has been reduced by nearly a million dollars in recent years. This has made it difficult to serve the needs of Jefferson County, which currently has an unemployment rate of 10.5%.

Best Practices for Enabling Higher Education Access for Appalachian Women

Ohio University

Cutler Hall

Athens, OH 45701

\$130,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because this funding will allow for the development and implementation of a pilot program at the OU-Southern Regional Campus in Lawrence County. The program would provide integrated, no-cost support services, including child care, transportation, tutoring, financial support, academic counseling, and job placement to female students in Appalachian Ohio.

The target population for this program is non-traditional female college students, including single-mothers and those with a GED.

It is estimated that without the assistance of support services, 60% -70% of university students with a GED drop out within the first year.

Boardman Health Care Efficiency Improvement Demonstration Project

Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET)

1768 East 25th Street

Cleveland, OH 44114

\$300,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because this will allow for the expansion of MAGNET's current pilot program in Youngstown to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boardman. MAGNET will use proven tools and techniques to reduce health care costs by identifying and eliminating waste in the hospital process, such as reducing the time required in admitting, providing improved patient coverage in a nursing unit or increasing the success rate in the operating room.

Building Jobs for the Future: Supporting Energy Projects in NE Ohio

Eastern Gateway Community College

4000 Sunset Blvd.

Steubenville, OH 43952

\$1,500,000 □ □ □ □ □

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because advanced energy construction projects planned for Northeastern Ohio mean increased workforce and training requirements.

Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) has partnered with the United Association of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 396 to meet this need by incorporating an Associate Degree of Technical Studies (ATS) into its existing apprenticeship program.

It is estimated that more than 1,000 trained construction and maintenance workers will be needed in the next two years and this program would help educate that workforce.

Candle Manufacturing

Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities

7675 State Route 45

Lisbon, OH 44432

\$100,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because additional equipment and inventory capabilities are needed to expand this successful program for those with developmental disabilities. Currently, this candle manufacturing operation provides valuable job skills and permanent employment opportunities for developmentally disabled individuals. If the program is expanded, it's estimated that it could employ an additional 200 workers with disabilities and 100 non-disabled workers.

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College and Financial Aid Advising

Mahoning Valley College Access Program (MVCAP)

Kent State University

2491 State Route 45 S.

Salem, OH 44460

\$100,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because federal funds will be used to assure continuance of successful past practices to provide free advising on college admissions and financial aid to high school students in Columbiana and Mahoning counties.

The target of these services will be nontraditional, first generation, low-income students from rural and urban high schools.

College Work Ready Skills Assessment and Training Centers

Kent State University

4314 Mahoning Ave., N.W.

Warren, OH 44483

\$500,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because it would expand a Department of Labor pilot program for the Northeast Ohio Advanced Manufacturing Institute at the Trumbull Campus to the six other Kent State University Regional Campuses and the main Kent State campus. This

program will help dislocated workers become employed and incumbent workers retain their position or increase their wages.

Emphasis will be placed on preparing individuals for positions in high demand occupations and emerging industries.

Kent State and its surrounding region has been one of the hardest hit in terms of job loss.

Since 2001, jobs in manufacturing have declined 43.4%, and many of these dislocated and underemployed workers lack the skills necessary to meet the needs of the current job market.

Columbiana County Electronic Health Record

Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic, Inc. (doing business as The Counseling Center)

P.O. Box 429

40722 State Route 154

Lisbon, OH 44432

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The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because moving to an electronic format will allow medical staff to spend more time with patients, increase efficiency, and improve the quality and continuity of care provided to patients.

The Counseling Center currently serves approximately 4,500 – 5,000 individuals and families

each year and provides 24 hour emergency psychiatric services for all of Columbiana County.

Electronic Health Record

Jefferson Behavioral Health Systems

3200 Johnson Road

Steubenville, OH 43952

\$500,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because electronic health records will reduce duplication, enhance continuity of care, improve billing accuracy, and allow physicians the ability to "e-scribe" medications for patients. Jefferson Behavioral Health System is a non-profit comprehensive mental health, drug and alcohol agency that provides an array of services to approximately 2,300 consumers in Jefferson County. Funding for the project would be used to implement an electronic health records system for the organization which would allow all of its various locations to have ready access to a patient's health records whether it is a routine checkup or an emergency.

Equipment and Medical Technology Required for ED Renovation Project

Barnesville Hospital Association

639 West Main Street

P.O. Box 309

Barnesville, OH 43713

\$828,610

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' money because it will help equip the emergency department with life-saving equipment and technology such as defibrillators, portable oxygen, crash carts, and portable digital x-ray machines. The primary purpose of the larger emergency department renovation is to provide timely, high quality health care to area residents who tend to be rural, elderly, and medically underserved.

Barnesville Hospital's Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion is an essential project providing additional space to improve patient access, increase patient privacy, and provide the medical care that this community needs and deserves.

FSA Electronic Medical Records and Billing Project

Family Service Association (FSA) of Steubenville

226 North 4th St.

P.O. Box 1027

Steubenville, OH 43952

\$35,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because this funding will allow the organization to upgrade their current computer system with the software and hardware necessary to enable the conversion to electronic medical records. Eventually implementing an electronic medical records system will improve efficiency, staff time with patients, and patient confidentiality.

FSA

currently services 600 Jefferson County residents.

Health Care Simulation Training Lab

Belmont Community Hospital

4697 Harrison St.

Bellaire, OH 43906

\$400,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because nursing students in Belmont County are in need of hands-on training and a simulation training lab will help meet that demand. The high-fidelity manikins will be used by nursing students from four local colleges to complete required clinical experience portions of established curriculum.

The Belmont Community Hospital's service area has an older population. Given that population's increased need for services, coupled with the nationwide nursing shortage, a simulation training lab will be an effective way to help meet the community's health care needs.

Health Outreach and Services in Appalachia

Ohio University

Cutler Hall

Athens, OH 45701

\$700,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will support the continuation of mobile no-cost health outreach and services provided to the uninsured and underinsured in Appalachia. Since 1994, Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine has operated health van services throughout Appalachian Ohio counties.

State budget cuts have left the program facing a shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011.

In the past year, the mobile unit has provided 1380 health screenings, 429 breast/cervical exams, 6425 vaccines and 153 glaucoma screenings.

Health Sciences Building Development

Washington State Community College

710 Colegate Drive

Marietta, OH 45750

\$1,000,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will expand the health care education opportunities for the students in southeastern Ohio. These funds will be used for the architectural and engineering costs associated with expanding current school facilities to increase classroom and laboratory space.

Holzer Energy and Water Conservation Program

Holzer Medical Center

100 Jackson Pike

Gallipolis, OH 45631

\$1,500,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because it will replace outdated single unit washers and steam dryers with high efficiency gas dryers and water conserving tunnel washers.

Replacing these washers and dryers will result in a reduction of Holzer Medical Center's water usage by 85%, saving the hospital in excess of \$100,000 annually.

Furthermore, this project will increase the city of Gallipolis's water/sewer service capacity by 5 million gallons annually, thus allowing for new business expansions in or near the Dan Evans Industrial Park.

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Integrating Warehouse Job Training Skills in a Client Choice Food Pantry System

Urban Mission Ministries

301 North Fifth Street

Steubenville, OH 43952

\$100,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because this project aims to integrate the needs of low-income clients, operational needs, and innovative technology to help serve the hungry and poor. In order to effectively manage operations and resources, the Urban Mission wants to install the AIDMatrix software system to track food donations, inventory, expiration dates and client information. Use of this system will offer over 100 Ohio Works First individuals, inmates and other low-income volunteers hands-on training and job skills.

Kids on Campus: Health and Wellness Initiative

Ohio University

Cutler Hall

Athens, OH 45701

\$143,000

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because Ohio University seeks to enhance their already successful Kids On Campus program by expanding its current healthy meals and enrichment services to include health and wellness initiatives.

Federal funding will support one-time start up costs associated with the integration of health screenings, nutrition, and exercise programs, as well as family-level education and intervention programs for impoverished, at-risk children.

Many of these children come from highly unstable home environments, do not have access to proper nutrition and receive no health care.

Lawrence County Joint Vocational School District Virtual Hospital

Lawrence County Joint Vocational School District

11627 State Route 243

Chesapeake, OH 45619

\$172,500

The applicant believes this is a valuable use of taxpayers' money because according to the applicant, the Lawrence County region has openings for 400 nurses, 120 home health aides, 120 medical assistants, and 200 various allied health occupations for which there are training programs in place. However, the ability to provide graduates in these fields is limited by training capacity.

The purchase of simulator patients would help provide large portions of clinical time desperately needed and would allow for increased capacity in enrollment and more graduates available for placement into various health care fields.

Mahoning Valley Telemedicine Project

Akron Children's Hospital

1 Perkins Square

Akron, OH 44308

\$750,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will improve access to quality health care and curb rising health care costs through Health Information Technology (HIT). Hi-tech electronic communications equipment enables real-time, inter-active patient examination and consultation between patients and physicians in the Mahoning Valley with treatment centers at the Akron Children's Hospital. This will cut time and expenses as patients and physicians currently must travel between the sites.

Marietta College Health and Wellness Center

Marietta College

215 Fifth Street

Marietta, OH 45750

\$550,178

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because currently Marietta College students only have access to health care services 15 hours a week at an off-campus health care clinic. Marietta College believes that it needs to make health care services more accessible and desires to build an on-campus health and wellness center. T
his request is for funds to renovate, furnish/equip and provide for the first year's operating costs of the health center.

The college is prepared to sustain this initiative in future years.

Meigs County Emergency Room Project

Meigs County Commission

238 West Main Street

Pomeroy, OH 45769

\$1,500,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because Meigs County residents currently do not have access to emergency health care services. This project would build a rural stand alone emergency room to treat and triage patients that require the immediate attention not currently available in the county.

Meigs County Public Health Medical, Vaccination Clinic and Environmental Health Resource Transportation Plan

Meigs County General Health District

112 East Memorial Drive, Suite A

Pomeroy, OH 45769

\$117,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will allow the applicant to purchase three vehicles for use by the Health Department year round to provide emergency response and environmental resource activities. This will allow the county to be able to respond to natural and manmade disasters.

Recently, the Ohio Hospital Association provided grant money for the purchase of a self-contained 12-bed emergency response shelter, the size and weight of which requires a large vehicle for towing purposes.

NewLife Bridges Out of Poverty Program

NewLife Technical Institute

114 West Fifth Street

East Liverpool, OH 43920

\$177,879

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because as we transition to health information technology we must have a skilled workforce. The NewLife Technical Institute will offer fast-track training for workers in the Information Technology and Medical field. The primary focus of the project is to train low-income individuals for high-growth, high-demand occupations.

NewLife Program Expansion

NewLife Technical Institute

114 West Fifth Street

East Liverpool, OH 43920

\$468,223

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because the NewLife program has successfully completed the "proof of concept" phase in the originally piloted East Liverpool location and is looking to expand to Salem, Ohio. The NewLife Technical Institute offers fast-track training for workers in the Information Technology and Medical field.

Salem was selected because of its relative proximity to the original East Liverpool campus, the high number of potential students within the targeted demographic and the projected growth in the information technology field.

OH WOW! Customized STEM Program for PreK-8th Grade Students

OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology

15 Central Square

Youngstown, OH 44503

\$250,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because nationwide, students are falling behind in STEM education. In response, this organization will research, plan, design and implement six customized STEM programs for 300 students in pre-K through 8th grade.

The proposed project will provide participating students with real-world learning and hands-on experience to help them understand how the skills they are learning can be applied in the real

world.

Ohio 2-1-1

Ohio United Way

88 East Board Street, Suite 620

Columbus, OH 43215

\$100,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because funding for this project will complete the expansion of 2-1-1 service in Ohio. 2-1-1 is a 24 hour a day, health and human services hotline connecting Ohioans with the basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, rent/mortgage, and utility assistance. Dur
ing 2010, 87.2% of Ohioans will have access to 2-1-1 services in 54 counties.

The current call volume exceeds 1.2 million calls a year.

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Operating Room Renovations and Equipment

Belmont Community Hospital

4697 Harrison St.

Bellaire, OH 43906

\$500,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because the renovation and acquisition of modern operating room technology will allow Belmont Community Hospital (BCH) to double the number of surgical procedures performed each year. Currently, BCH performs approximately 1,200 surgeries each year, but its operating rooms were last renovated in the 1960s, which leaves the hospital unable to handle more complex procedures.

Therefore, many patients must be referred to facilities out of the area.

Oral Health Access in Southeastern Ohio

Community Action Organization of Scioto County, Inc.

433 Third Street

P.O. Box 1525

Portsmouth, OH 45662

\$143,688

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because this project will expand access to their existing Dental Clinic by adding a full time dentist and dental assistant. The expanded staff will be able to treat an additional estimated 990 new patients through approximately 2,060 visits in the first year.

According to the applicant, Scioto County is officially designated as a dental health professional shortage area with a low-income population to dentist ratio of 11,221:1.

New patients in their clinic currently wait on average six weeks for a non-emergency appointment.

Adding a dentist and dental assistant is critical in addressing the oral health access problem in Scioto County.

Planetarium in the Community

Marietta College

215 Fifth Street

Marietta, OH 45750

\$100,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because since the planetarium opened in May 2009, over 8,000 people have attended programs at the planetarium including 1,500 local students and teachers. Additional programming at the planetarium would help make it a significant asset and would strengthen science education throughout the area.

To ensure the continuation of this important community service, Marietta College is requesting funds to provide additional planetarium programming.

Ready, Set, Get Fit

Family Recovery Center

P.O. Box 964

964 N. Market Street

Lisbon, OH 44432

\$100,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because Ohio's obesity rate among children is growing rapidly. Funding for this program will allow Family Recovery Center educators to work with local elementary schools to promote the Coordinated Approach to Health Care (CATCH) "Go For Health," series, which is a classroom health education curriculum helping children learn to identify, adopt, and practice healthy eating and physical activity habits.

Regional Interconnected Patient and Health Care Medical Information System

Holzer Consolidated Health Systems

100 Jackson Pike

Gallipolis, OH 45631

\$900,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because the Regional Medical Imaging System and Picture Archiving Communications Systems (PACS) will improve quality and continuity of health care in Appalachian Ohio. Implementing this technology in its four facilities within in the 6th District will allow radiology images to be read, shared, and stored digitally, the result of which will be the quicker implementation of life-saving treatment plans.

It will also lower patient costs by eliminating the need to repeat expensive medical tests and reduce the need to travel to urban centers for care. The Regional Medical Imaging System will ensure that patients' medical images are readily available to general practitioners and specialists, regardless of their geographic location. This can lead to quicker implementation of life-saving treatment plans.

Rock Hill Child Development Center

Rock Hill School District

2325 A Country Road 26

Ironton, OH 45638

\$500,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because without financial assistance, the child development center will likely be forced to cut back on the programs that are currently serving 125 preschool students, as well as infants and Head Start toddlers. Currently, this center provides an environment for academic and social growth by providing rich, developmentally appropriate learning experiences for the area children.

Rural Ohio Telemedicine Project

OhioHealth Corporation

180 East Broad Street, 34th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

\$149,672

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because this project will fund the creation of a new telemedicine network between Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus and rural hubs in southeastern Ohio. This linkage will reduce treatment time for patients and increase access to advanced medical technology for rural Ohio communities.

STEM Teacher Licensure Program

Ohio University

Cutler Hall

Athens, OH 45701

\$275,000

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because federal funding will support the implementation and evaluation of an accredited, STEM-focused teacher licensure program that will prepare, support, and retain highly qualified teachers in Ohio, particularly from rural, underserved areas. This program will build on existing teacher training programs and courses, while developing new curricula and network systems. In addition to targeted coursework, the program will also provide teachers with training on new teaching models and tools, as well as a mentoring network of STEM experts.

Telehealth for Home Care

Holzer Consolidated Health Systems

100 Jackson Pike

Gallipolis, OH 45631

\$145,831

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because in-home telehealth systems have the ability to reduce emergency room visits, reduce overall hospitalization costs, reduce home health patients' hospital admissions and reduce in-patient bed stays. Currently, Holzer's home care services include skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and home aides with bases in Gallipolis, Jackson, and Pomeroy, Ohio. Telehealth assistive units placed in patients' homes will empower those with chronic diseases to take an active role in their treatment. The electronic unit guides patients through taking their medications, collects their vital signs, identifies new or changing symptoms, and helps manage their pain.

The Team Approach

Community Action Agency of Columbiana County

7880 Lincole Place

Lisbon, OH 44432

\$30,400

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because this 6-8 week summer course focuses on intense reading, writing, language and math research based curriculum instruction for kindergarten eligible children.

This Kindergarten Readiness Program will provide parents with instruction and assignments as well so they can learn how to be effective and helpful.

Training Program for Mental Health and Addiction Agency Employees and Volunteers

Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board

27 Vista Drive

Lisbon, OH 44432

\$55,673

The applicant believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because funds are needed to support local mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment agencies in Columbiana County. The Board will use the funds to pay for training and to reimburse agencies for part of the billable time lost to train significant numbers of staff. Additi
onally, funds would be used to contract with Case Western Reserve University to provide intensive Motivational Interviewing training and consultation to their clinical agencies to help meet the needs of the community.